

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 5-7, 9 and 22-28. In addition Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 18, 2003 and returning the initialed PTO SB/08 form.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. Claims 4 and 10 are requested to be cancelled. Claim 11 is currently being amended. Applicant requests that the amendments be entered at least because they raise no new issues requiring further search or consideration and because they place the application in condition for allowance.

This amendment changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Rejection Under U.S.C. § 112

Claims 11-14 and 16 were rejected under U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Without agreeing or acquiescing to the rejection, Applicant amends claim 11 as suggested by the examiner. Applicant submits that claim 11 is now allowable and respectfully requests the rejection be withdrawn. The dependent claims 12-14 and 16 are now allowable based at least on their dependency from claim 11.

Conclusion

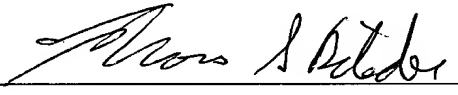
After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 5-7, 9, 11-14, 16 and 22-28 are now pending in this application. Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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